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Yoshiaki TANAKA et al.

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APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination.

Cancel claims 1-39.

Add new claims 40-43.